Greenskies Clean Energy, LL Elmridge Golf Course – Stonington, CT ABUTTER NOTIFICATION VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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3 SITE PROPERTIES	SITE PROPERTY				
223 ELM RIDGE	OWNERS OWNER OF SITE	JOSEPH & NANCY			GOLF COURSE
ROAD	PROPERTY:	RUSTICI, TRUSTEES 229 ELM RIDGE RD	05/29/2020		GOLF COOKSE
MBL: 22-2-1 ACCT: 00721200	JOSEPH & NANCY RUSTICI, TRUSTEES	PAWCATUCK CT 06379			
87.57 acres Zone – RR-80					
N. ANGUILLA ROAD	OWNER OF SITE PROPERTY:	JOSEPH & NANCY RUSTICI, TRUSTEES	05/29/2020		GOLF COURSE
MBL: 39-1-9 ACCT: 00720900	JOSEPH & NANCY RUSTICI, TRUSTEES	229 ELM RIDGE RD PAWCATUCK CT 06379			
26.2 acres Zone – GB-130					
227 ELM RIDGE	OWNER OF SITE	JOSEPH & NANCY			HOUSE
ROAD	PROPERTY:	RUSTICI, TRUSTEES 229 ELM RIDGE RD	05/29/2020		PARCEL
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		MADERIA	05/29/2020		
	MBL: 22-2-2	4 FAIRVIEW DR.			
	ACCT: 00504100	PAWCATUCK, CT 06379			
	27 GRANDVIEW FARM RD.	STONINGTON LAND TRUST, INC. P O BOX 812	05/29/2020		
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	MBL: 22-2-3E ACCT: 00422700	MARY ANN McCOMISKEY 5 FAIRWAY COURT PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
	6 WOODLAND CT MBL: 39-2-3V ACCT: 00147200	DOUGLAS HANSON 6 WOODLAND COURT PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
	5 WOODLAND CT MBL: 39-2-3W ACCT: 00379500	THOMAS & ESTHER SATRAN 5 WOODLAND COURT PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
	52 HIGH RIDGE DR. MBL: 39-2-4A ACCT: 00379900	KEVIN & NICOLE TORRES 52 HIGH RIDGE DR PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
	94 N ANGUILLA RD. MBL: 39-2-11 ACCT: 00380100	RICHARD GEE & ELEANOR BROWN 94 N ANGUILLA RD PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
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	175-177 N ANGUILLA RD. MBL: 40-5-3 ACCT: 00564600	RANDALL MINER 153 N ANGUILLA RD PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		
	143 N ANGUILLA RD. MBL: 40-5-1 ACCT: 00564000	RANDALL MINER 143 N ANGUILLA RD PAWCATUCK CT 06379	05/29/2020		Mr. Miner has three properties; two mailing addresses – notice sent to both
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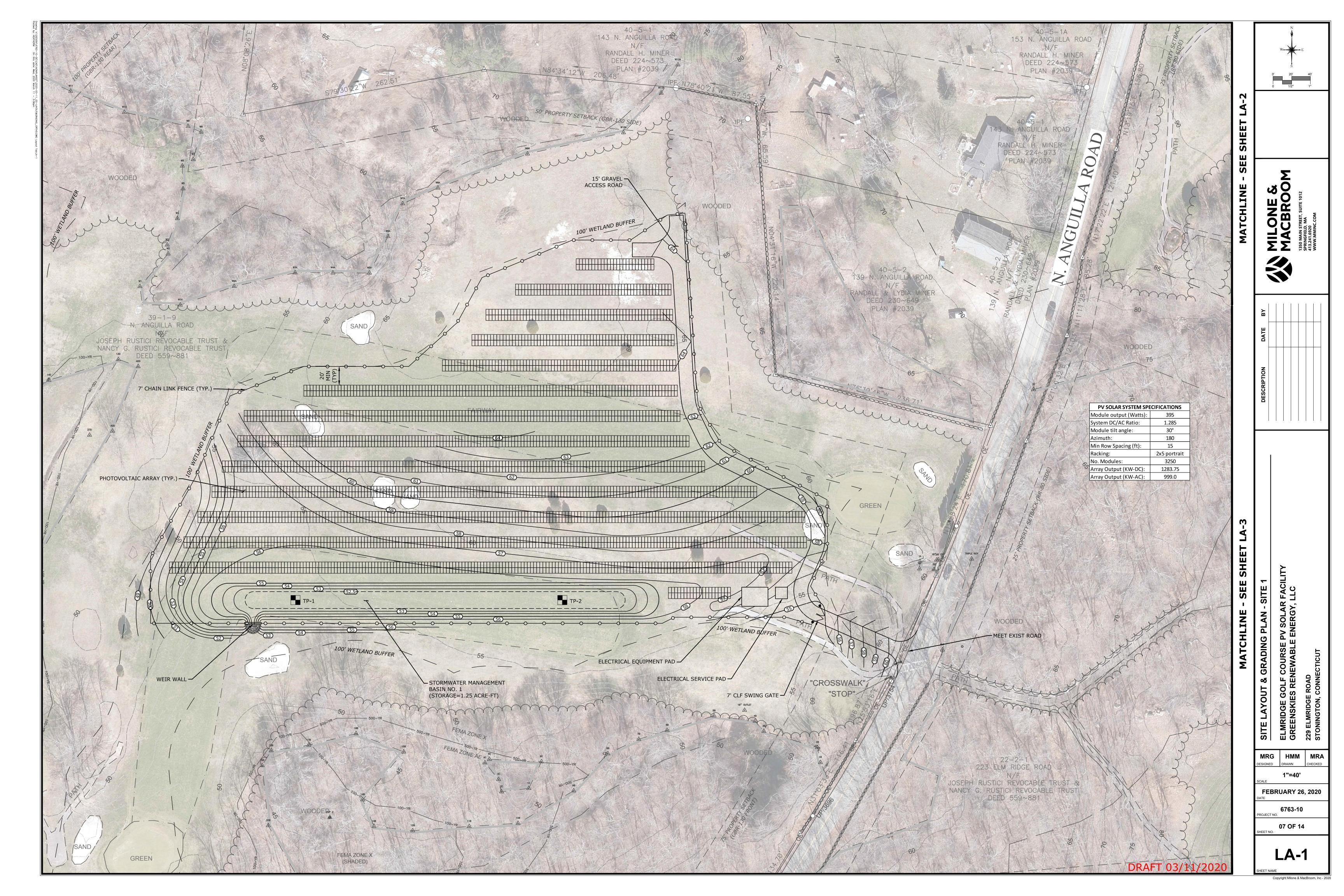
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Senator Christopher Murphy Colt Gateway 120 Huyshope Avenue Suite 401 Hartford, CT 06106	06/03/2020		
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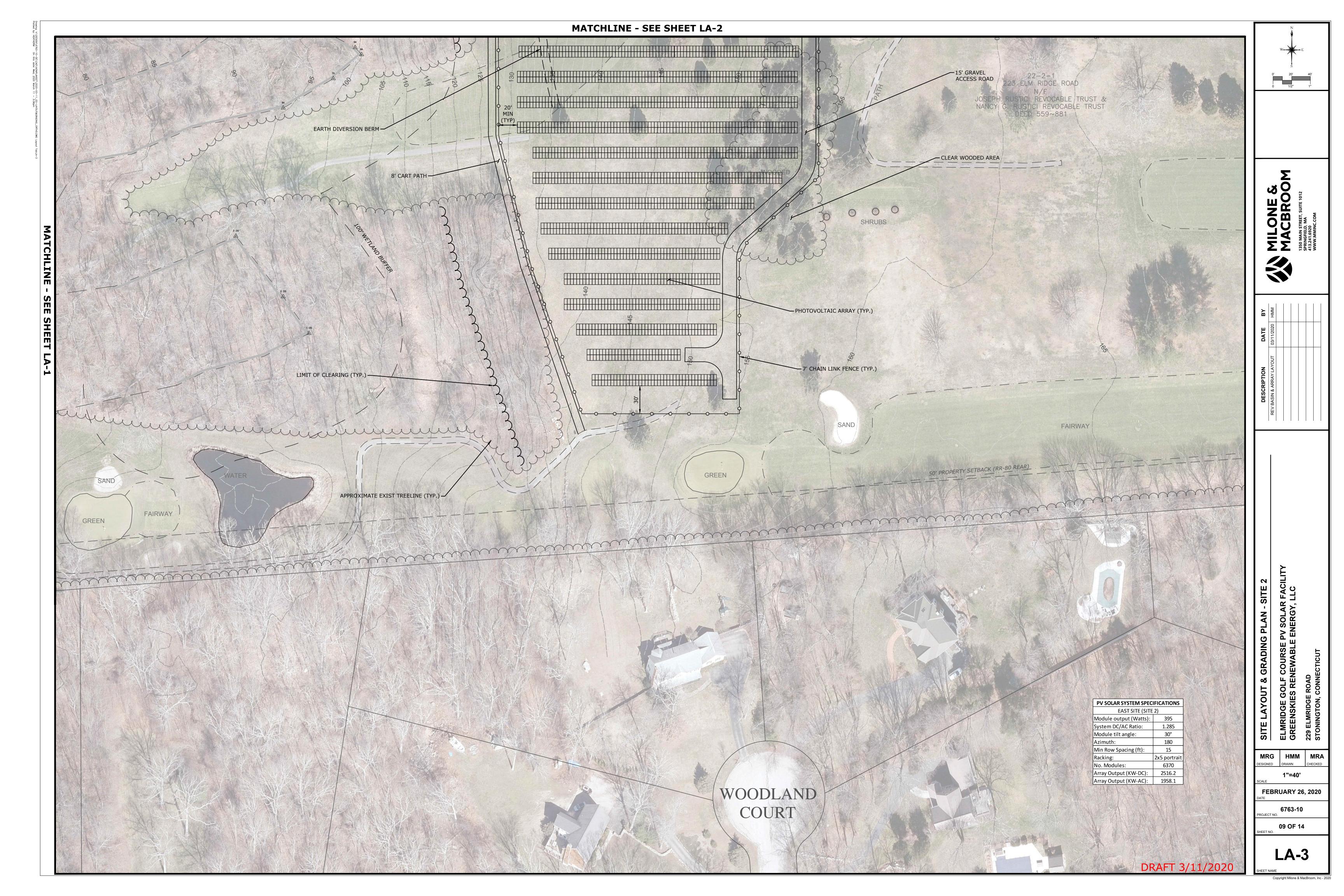
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State of Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality c/o Peter Hearn, Exec. Director 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106	06/03/2020		
State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture c/o Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner Department of Agriculture 450 Columbus Blvd, Suite 701 Hartford, CT 06103	06/03/2020		
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State of Connecticut Department of Transportation c/o Joseph Giuletti, Commissioner 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06111	06/03/2020	
Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection James Rovella, Commissioner 1111 Country Club Road Middletown, CT 06457	06/03/2020	
State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Michelle Seagull, Commissioner 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 901 Hartford, Connecticut 06103-1840	06/03/2020	
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Subject: Elmridge Golf Course - Solar Project

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:17:00 AM

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Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:22:00 AM

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I hope you're doing well. We will speak with Alan Rustici and our engineer, Mike Gagnon (MMI) to see when we can schedule a time to meet you at the site. What hours are you available. Since the golf course is open, we'll have to see what works best. We've been brainstorming ideas to help demonstrate visibility of the project and Mike's colleague is working on landscaping and visual simulations. I'll be in touch as soon as I have more information. Thanks.

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June 2, 2020

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Greenskies Elmridge Solar Project, Stonington

Dear Executive Director Bachman:

We have reviewed the above cited project, as described in March 27, 2020 correspondence to Stephen Anderson of my staff, with respect to agricultural impacts, and have found that there does not appear to be any material impact to the status of prime farmland.

The project site is currently being used as an active golf course, and has been used as a golf course for over 50 years, so it has not been historically used for agricultural purposes. Further, the developers have committed to work cooperatively with the Department of Agriculture and the University of Connecticut to evaluate and implement a program to encourage native pollinators at the project site, and to install an apiary.

The developers have stated that they will consult with Dr. David Wagner of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, regarding the Elmridge site. Greenskies has stated that, while it is not suitable for the eastern portion of the site, they are willing to install pollinator nesting boxes on the western portion of the site where they would be away from golfers and can be relatively undisturbed. Greenskies has also stated that, in consultation with Dr. Wagner, they would implement a plan to enhance pollinator habitat by using a pollinator/conservation seed mix in both array areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Stephen Anderson of my staff. Steve can be reached at stephen.anderson@ct.gov, or at (860) 713-2592.

Sincerely,

Bryan P. Hurlburt Commissioner

Cc: Katie Dykes, Commissioner, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Lee Hoffman, Pullman & Comley LLC From: Gina Wolfman

To: "christopher.martin@ct.gov"

Cc: "Hoffman, Lee D."; Jean-Paul La Marche; Christopher Ross

Subject: Elmridge Golf Course Solar - Core Forest Review Request

Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:11:00 PM

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ElmRidge Forestland Habitat.pdf

2020-03-11-Rev Layout & Test Pits Optimized.pdf

Chris,

I hope you and your colleagues at DEEP are well and are adjusting/adapting to the current circumstances.

I'm reaching out to you upon recommendation from Lee Hoffman, outside counsel for our above-referenced, proposed, ground-mount solar project. The project site consists of two parcels of the Elmridge Golf Course in Stonington, on land that has been a golf course since the early 1960's. Prior to that, the property was used by the current landowner's family for dairy farming.

We request that you/the Department review the project and provide a determination on potential impact to "core forest." I've attached a Forestland Habitat Map showing the project parcels and development areas/limits of disturbance. Please note that what is mapped as forestland habitat on the western parcel is now predominantly maintained turf for several holes within the golf course. In addition, you'll find the current site plan/layout for the project; we expect this design to remain as is with minor (if any) change.

Based on the Department's pending findings, along with findings of the Department of Agriculture, it is Greenskies' intention to file a petition with the Siting Council in late April-early May. In order for us to do that, pursuant to Public Act 17-218, we would require a letter from the Department saying that there is no material impact to "core forest" as presented. Please let me know what, if anything additional, the Department would require before it would be willing to make such a determination and submit such a letter. That letter can go to us for incorporation into the petition or be sent to the Siting Council directly.

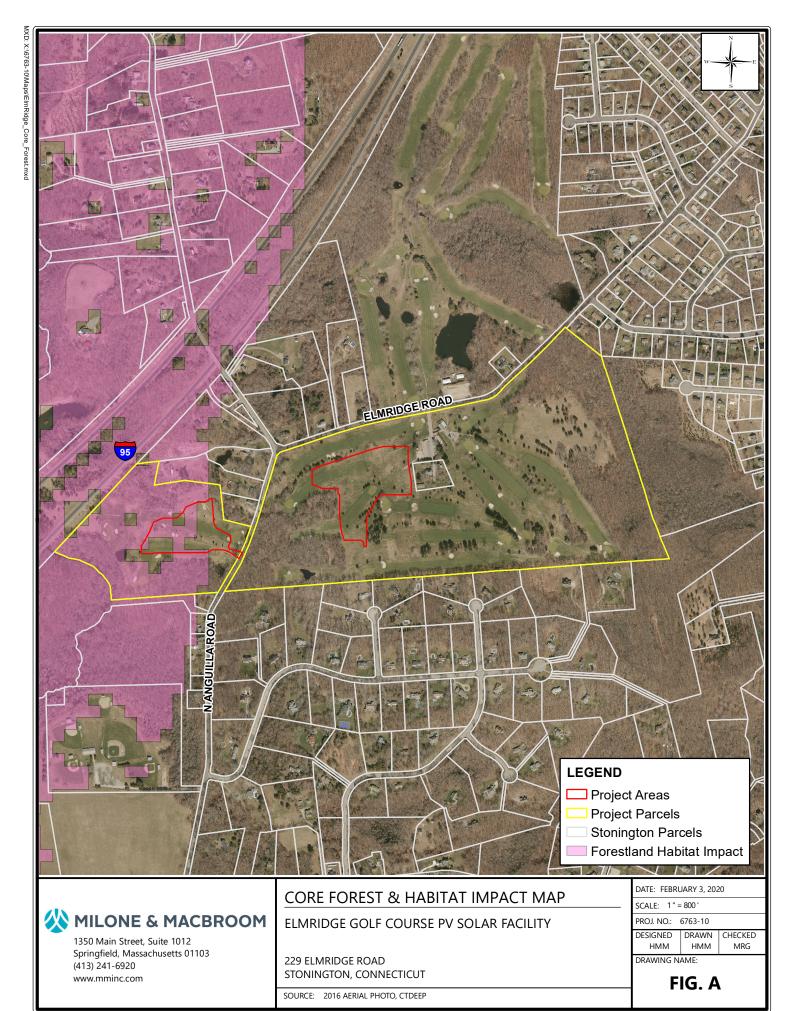
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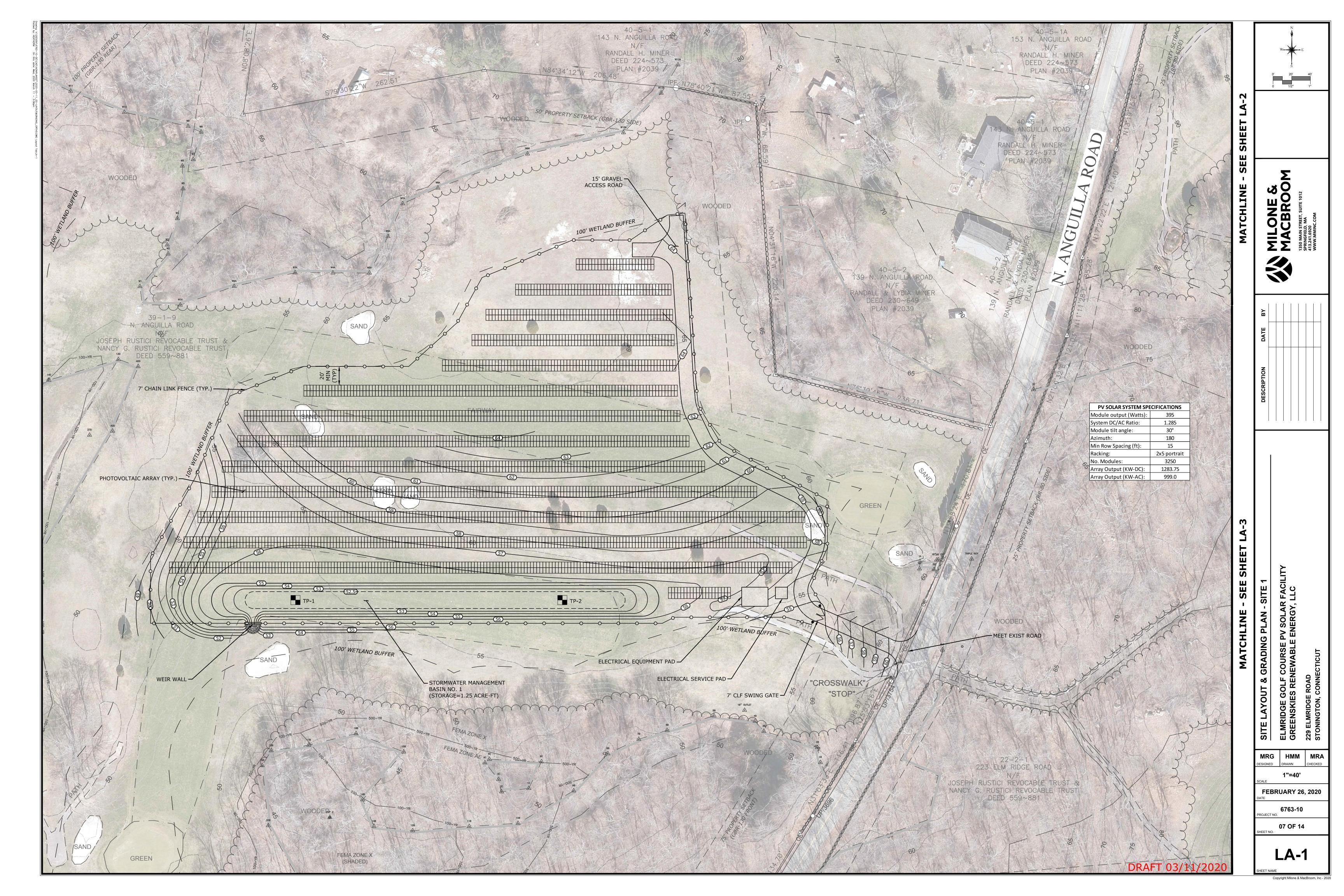
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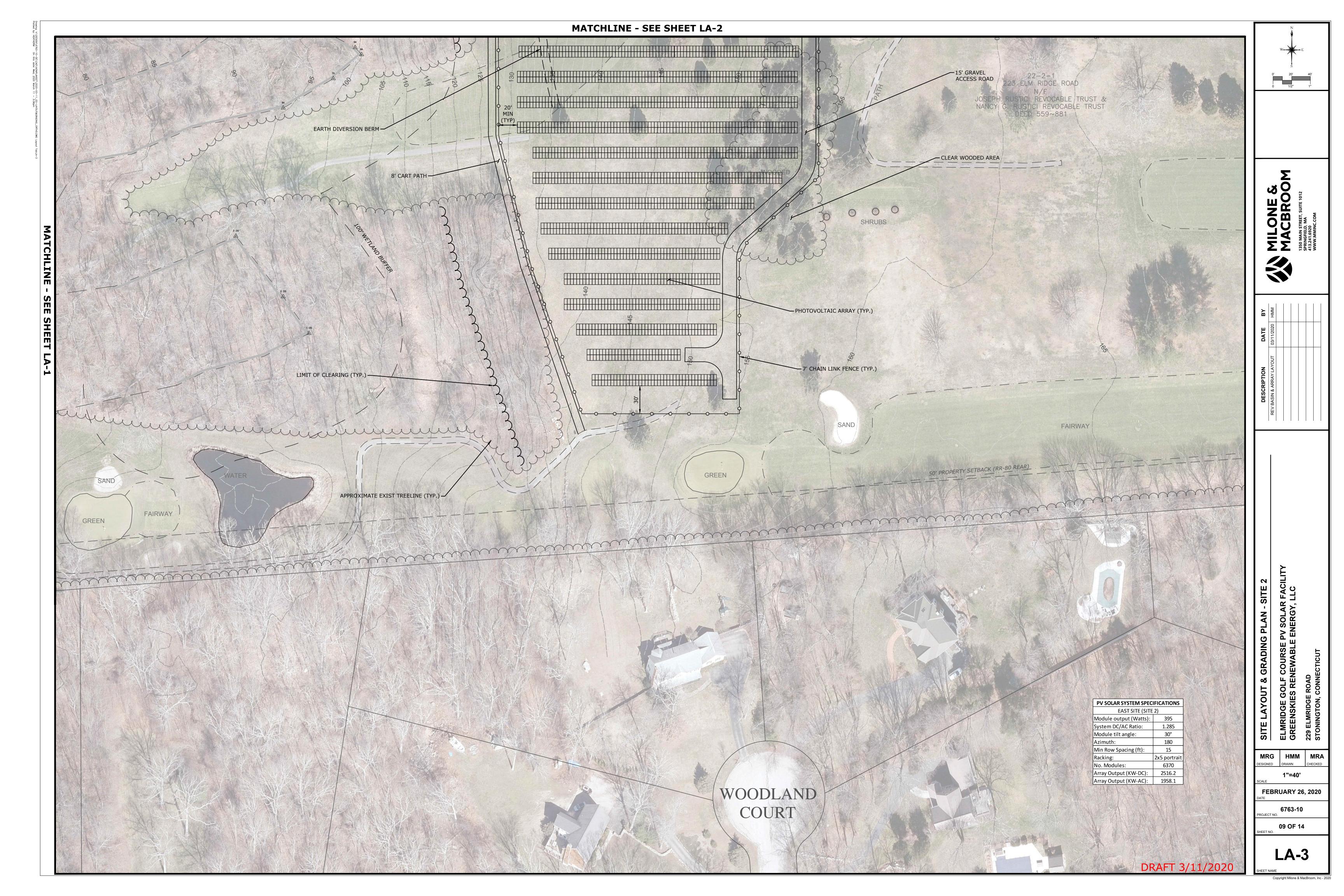
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RE: Preliminary Review

Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC

Elmridge Golf Course

Proposed 3 MW AC, to be developed as three (3) 1 MW AC facilities, 229 Elm Ridge Road and N. Anguilla Road, Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Ms. Bachman,

Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC. ("Petitioner") has contacted the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") Bureau of Natural Resources and informed us of their intention to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the Connecticut Siting Council. Petitioner proposes to construct a solar photovoltaic facility with a capacity of two or more megawatts, to be located at 229 Elm Ridge Road and N. Anguilla Road, Stonington, CT 06378 ("Site").

Approximately 15.4 acres of the Site would be impacted by the installation of the solar panels, associated systems and site work involved with this proposed project. Pursuant to Sec. 16-50k of the Connecticut General Statutes the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources staff have reviewed documents submitted by the Petitioner concerning this proposed project, which include a site map dated February 26, 2020 with a an email dated March 27, 2020 prepared by Gina L. Wolfman, Senior Project Developer/Permitting Specialist with Greenskies Clean Energy.

In conducting such review of the proposed project, Bureau of Natural Resources has determined that such proposed project, as represented in the above mentioned documents **will not** materially affect the status of such Site as core forest.

The Petitioner used the Bureau of Natural Resources screening tool the "Forestland Habitat Impact Map" to evaluate their design concept. The results of such screening and any DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources concurrence with aspects of the preliminary results do not, and are not intended to, supplant formal approval from the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources.

All final plans for such Site intended to be submitted by the Petitioner to the Connecticut Siting Council shall be submitted to the Bureau of Natural Resources for review and approval 14 days prior to submission to the Connecticut Siting Council. Such submission shall be made to:

Rick Jacobson, Chief Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Bureau of Natural Resources 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 rick.jacobson@ct.gov

DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources retains the right to review and approve any changes to the design specifications including, but not limited to, final plans that are filed with the Connecticut Siting Council after the date of this letter.

Nothing in this letter relieves the Petitioner of other obligations under applicable federal, state, and local law that may be necessary as part of the proposed project design and implementation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-424-3010, or by mail at 79 Elm Street, Sixth Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

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Sincerely,

Rick Jacobson, Chief

Bureau of Natural Resources

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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March 27, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Stephen Anderson State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 701 Hartford, CT 06103

Re: Solar Energy Project Considerations, Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Greenskies Clean Energy, with respect to its proposed project to be located on the Elmridge Golf Course in Stonington, Connecticut. As an initial matter, I want to thank you for taking the time to discuss the project with us in detail at your offices. This letter will serve as an update as to the activities Greenskies has taken with respect to this proposed site, and to provide the Department with additional information concerning the site. As you know, section 16-50k(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that for a solar photovoltaic facility with a capacity of two or more megawatts to be located on prime farmland, "excluding any such facility that was selected by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in any solicitation issued prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to section 16a-3f, 16a-3g or 16a-3j", the Department of Agriculture must represent, in writing, to the Connecticut Siting Council that such project will not materially affect the status of such land as prime farmland. It is our hope that once the Department has reviewed this information, it would agree that the project will not materially affect the status of the golf course as prime farmland.

As we mentioned when we met in your offices, the project site is currently being used as an active golf course, so it is not used for any agricultural purposes. When we last met, you had suggested that Greenskies contact NRCS to request that given the recreational uses for the site, that the site be re-classified as something other than prime farmland. Greenskies did confer with NRCS on this topic, however, NRCS informed Greenskies that it will not alter its classifications for private projects. Therefore, Greenskies is now coming to the Department to obtain the Department's concurrence, in writing, that the proposed solar project will not have an adverse impact on the prime farmland that is currently being used as a golf course.

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To that end, Greenskies is providing additional information on the Elmridge project for the Department's review. We are providing this information in response to the CT Department of Agriculture's Solar Energy Project Considerations guidance, dated January 16, 2020. Our answers to the Department's request for information are provided in the responses below.

- 1) **Farm/Property Information** Provide a description of the farm property, including but not limited to the following (include appropriate maps and surveys to allow evaluation):
 - a. Farm owner(s), farm name and location:

The property is not a farm but the Elmridge Golf Course, a 27-hole public course located at 229 Elm Ridge Road and N. Anguilla Road, Stonington, CT. The landowners are Joseph Rustici Trustee and Nancy G. Rustici, Trustee.

b. Total acreage, identification of prime, statewide and/or locally important farmland soils & acreage:

The East parcel is 87.57 acres, of which 55.16 ac. consists of prime farmland soils (47.96 ac.) and farmland of statewide importance (7.2 ac). The West parcel is 26.2 acres, 22.91 of which consists of prime farmland soils (22.86 ac.) and farmland of statewide importance (.05 ac.) The scope of the prime farmland soils is shown on the enclosed document Farmland Soils Map.

c. Current production agriculture on the farm and the approximate location of crops, farm buildings, etc. used to support the farming operation:

Both project parcels are part of current golf course use. No farming or agricultural use has occurred on-site since the early 1960s.

2) **Energy Project Information**

a. Describe the energy project, including but not limited to, the size of the project in megawatts (MW), the footprint being proposed as it relates to prime farmland on the property, # of panels (if known), and a description of infrastructure needed to support the project.

The overall, proposed system size of the energy project is 3 MW AC, to be developed as three (3) 1 MW AC facilities, two on the East parcel and one on the West parcel. The project footprint East is 10 acres, of which 6.13 acres are on farmland soils. The project footprint West is 5.4 acres, all of which all are on farmland soils. The preliminary site plan/layout shows 3,250 panels/modules in the West and 6,390 in the East. Required infrastructure includes stormwater management features, gravel roads and one, concrete equipment pad per system. The projects will be laid out



approximately in the form of the Site Layout and Grading Plans, of which preliminary drafts are included with this letter. The revised, current Site Layout is included, as well and dated March 11, 2020. The project footprint for the East Project is shown on LA-2 and 3, and the project footprint for the West Project is shown on LA-1. Site Layout and Grading Plans will be finalized once stormwater management/design is complete.

b. Describe what the energy will be used for and how it will benefit the farming operation.

The property in question is not an active farm, nor has it been for over fifty years. Lease payments will allow the golf course to decommission 9 holes and maintain/retain 18 holes for continued operation of this public course.

c. Are there future plans to increase energy capacity beyond what is proposed? If so, please describe these future plans, and any impacts the increase may have on prime farmland or the overall farming operation

Yes. The landowner is considering decommissioning another 9 holes in the future to allow for an additional solar facility. They would retain 9 holes as a public golf course, along with the restaurant and pro shop.

3) Agricultural Resource Impacts

a. Describe any production agriculture currently being conducted within the footprint of the solar project.

Currently, no agricultural activities are taking place in area of the proposed project or on any part of the project parcels.

b. Describe overall how the project will impact production agriculture currently being conducted on the farm.

As there is no agricultural activity taking place at the project site, there will be no negative impact to production agriculture from the proposed project.

c. Provide a description of any plans by the farm owner(s) to foster production agriculture within or as a result of the development (e.g., grazing animals in and around the solar project, providing pollinator habitat).

Greenskies intends to incorporate into the project plans natural pollinator habitat enhancement measures through use of a native pollinator seed mix throughout the



array areas. The landowner has also agreed to consider beekeeping on the West parcel if not in conflict with existing public golf course use.



4) Alternatives to Locating the Energy Project on Prime Farmland

a. Provide a description of any alternatives considered by the farm owner(s) to developing the project on prime farmland soils (e.g., the option of selling agricultural development rights for the farm instead of developing for solar, or as a mitigation measure to reduce the size of the solar development).

Under existing zoning for the site, the landowner has the option of developing the property for the following uses. The West parcel is zoned GB-130 and permitted uses include single family residences, keeping and breeding of livestock, aquaculture/agriculture and family daycare facilities. The East parcel is zoned RR-80, where permitted uses include all the above in addition to duplex housing and public utility substations. It is Greenskies' understanding that the current landowner may be considering some of these options for development of its properties.

b. Describe any alternatives examined which might enable placement of some or all of the solar panels in locations other than on prime farmland (e.g., elsewhere on the property or on farm buildings).

GCE and the landowner examined the entire project site. Due to other site constraints (e.g. wetlands, slopes), the configuration of the existing 27 golf holes, and owner's intent to decommission 9, while redesigning for the remaining 18, there are currently no other viable on-site alternatives for the solar energy facility.

c. Provide a description of any other form of mitigation considered by the farm owner(s) (e.g., farmland restoration, or a future commitment to preserve the farm)

Due to the current and historic golf course use at the property, GCE and the landowner propose the following mitigation measures for the project. The proposed solar facility and associated decommissioning of 9 golf holes will benefit/contribute to the preservation of farmland soils, as follows:

- Reduction of fertilizers and pesticides as part of the existing turf maintenance program;
- Reduction in water usage for irrigation of the golf course; landowner holds a permit with DEEP to withdraw water from the adjacent N. Anguilla Brook;
- Improved water quality in runoff to wetlands; and
- Stabilization and improvement of soil quality (over time) through planting of native species; GCE is willing to with CT DOAg on the seed mix for the array areas.

At the time that the project is decommissioned, Greenskies is of the opinion that the soil quality will be better at the end of the life of the project than it would be if the



site was used as a golf course during the life of the project. While Greenskies cannot know what the site will be used for at the end of the project, agriculture will more possible.

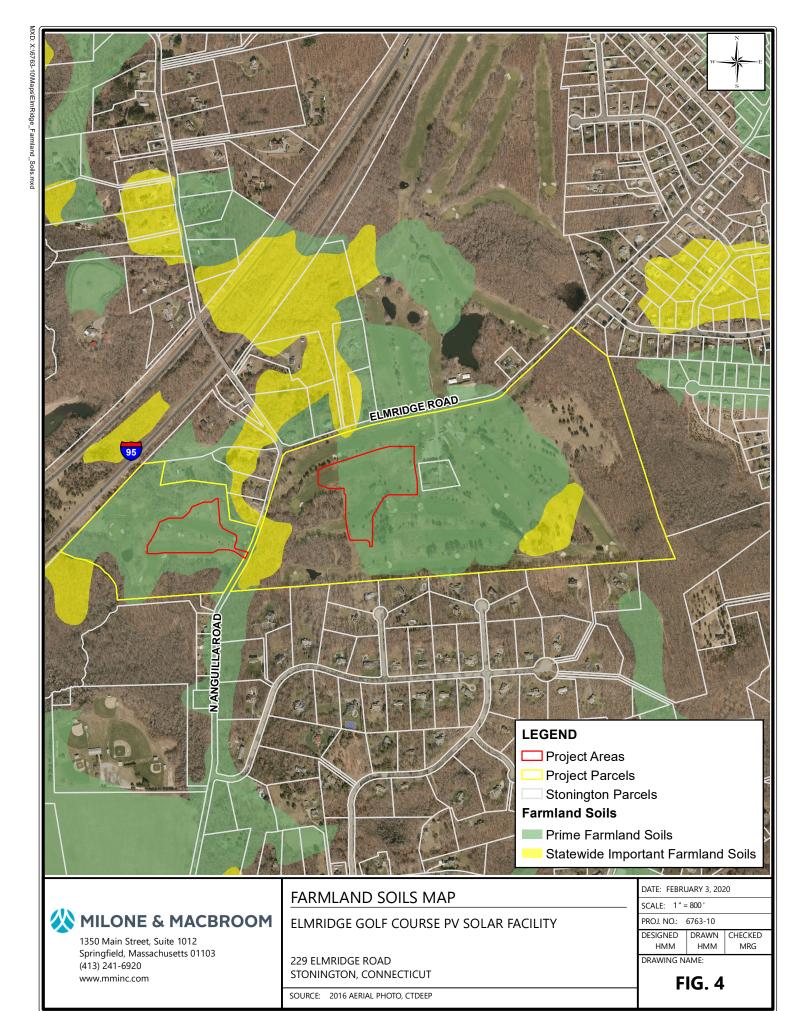
Accordingly, Greenskies would reiterate its request to the Department that it provide a letter to the Siting Council indicating that if Greenskies proceeds with its project in the fashion outlined above, it will not have an adverse impact on agriculture.

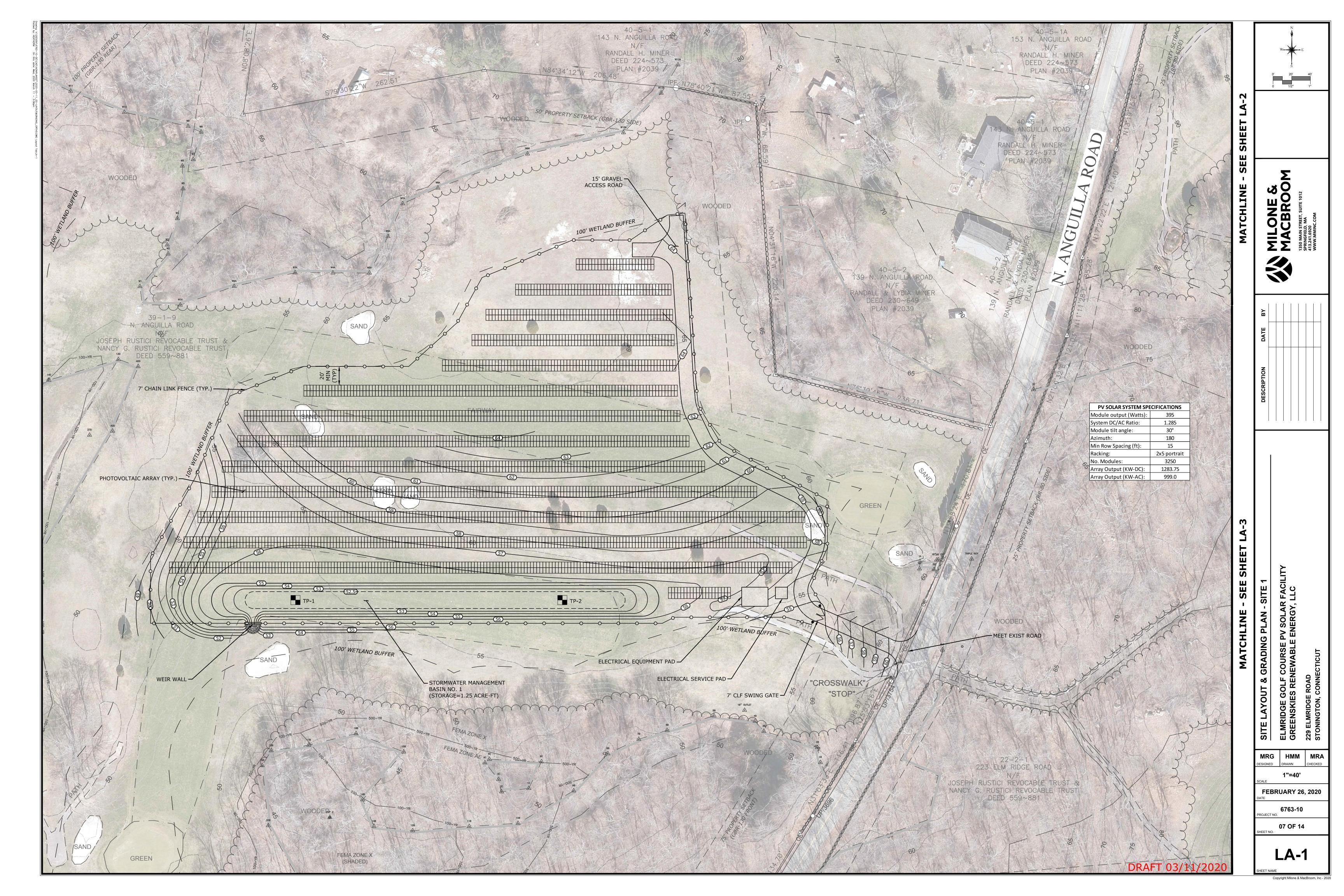
We look forward to working with the Department on this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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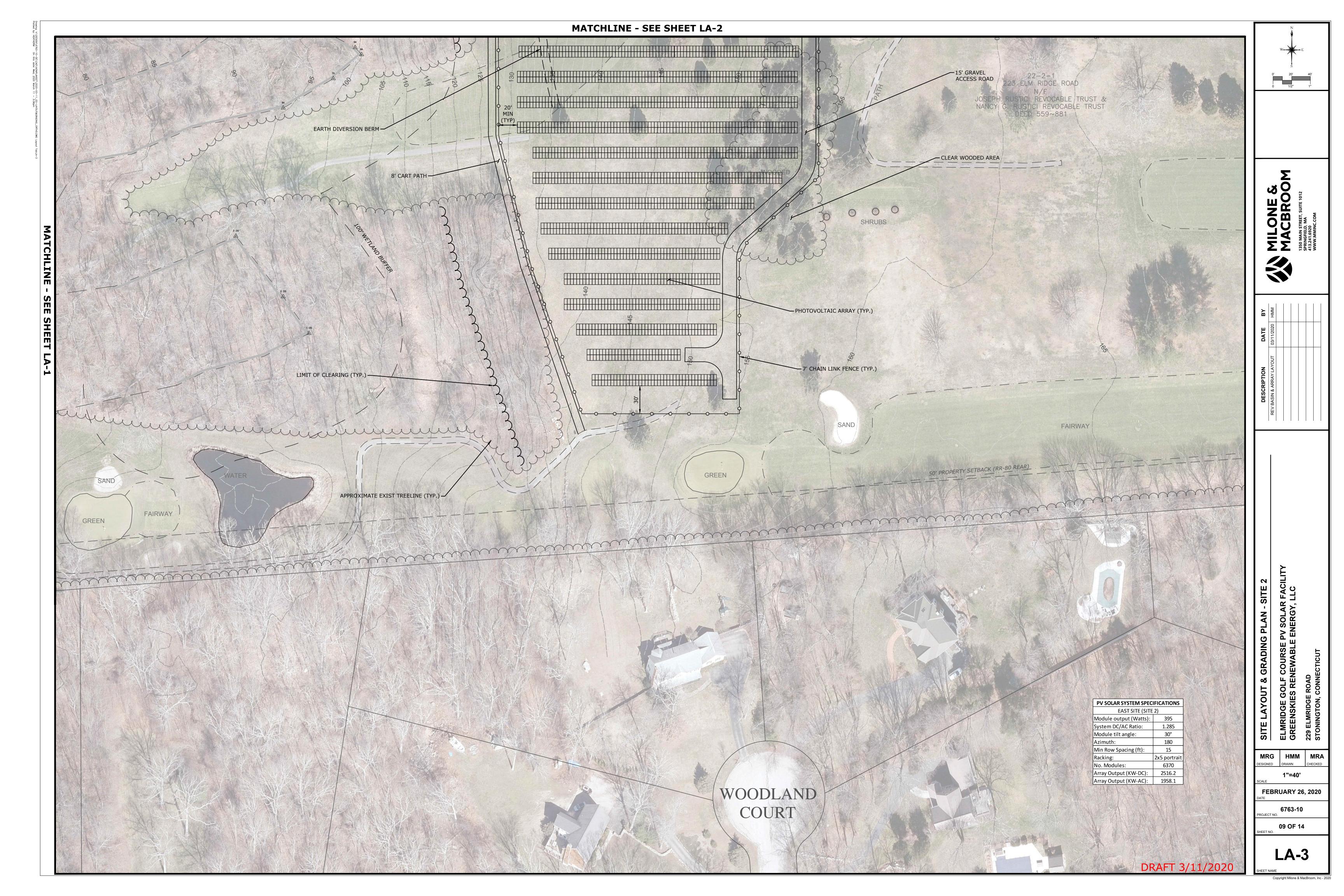
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Re: Solar Energy Project Considerations, Elmridge Golf Course, Stonington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing on behalf of my client, Greenskies Clean Energy, with respect to its proposed project to be located on the Elmridge Golf Course in Stonington, Connecticut. This is a follow up to my March 27, 2020 letter regarding the project as well as our in-person consultations. The reason for my writing is that the project is getting close to being ready to file its petition with the Connecticut Siting Council, and we would appreciate the Department's concurrence that the project will not materially adversely affect prime farmland pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-50k. For ease of review, I have included a basic map of the project site with this letter, along with a map of the overlay of prime farmland and statewide important farmlands for the site on which the project will be situated.

As we mentioned when we met in your offices, the project site is currently being used as an active golf course, so it is not used for any agricultural purposes. Indeed, the golf course can easily be seen on the first map I included with this letter. The site has been used as a golf course for over fifty years, with the attendant issues associated with managed turf, pesticides and herbicides, rolling of greens, etc. As such, we believe that whatever damage that has been done to the soils has already occurred, and that installing a solar facility will not increase this damage. As such, we do not believe that any further concessions are warranted for this particular facility.

Nonetheless, we do wish to work cooperatively with the Department. To that end, Greenskies has been in contact with Dr. David Wagner of the University of Connecticut to explore how native pollinators can be supported and co-located on solar sites. As you may be aware, Greenskies recently installed ten (10) apiaries on its East Lyme facility to ascertain how beehives can best interact with solar facilities. The hives are currently in an "undisturbed" phase so that

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the hives have time to adjust to their new location. We will provide the Department with progress updates on these hives as we have them.

Greenskies will consult with Dr. Wagner regarding the Elmridge site. As you can see from the attached maps, and as we indicated in our prior conversations, the eastern portion of the site will continue to be used as a public golf course, making options such as apiaries or sheep grazing an impossibility on that portion of the site. Based on information previously provided by Dr. Wagner, Greenskies is willing to install pollinator nesting boxes on the western portion of the site where they would be away from golfers and can be relatively undisturbed. Greenskies plans to enhance pollinator habitat by using use a pollinator/conservation seed mix in both array areas as well. Dr. Wagner indicated that honeybees in apiaries directly compete with native species and that it would be best to <u>not</u> co-locate bee hives with native pollinator nesting structures at a site.

Accordingly, Greenskies is requesting that the Department transmit a letter to the Siting Council stating that so long as Greenskies follows appropriate soil management guidelines (as it is doing in the Taugwonk Project) and installs nesting boxes for native pollinators through Dr. Wagner's guidance that the project will not have an adverse impact on agriculture given the historic use of the site as a golf course.

Per your request, we did ask the current property owner if there was any interest in participating in the Farmland Restoration Program. Given that the current property owner is not currently involved in agriculture, and has no desire to do so in the future, the property owner has no interest in participation in this program. This makes sense, given that the property owner is running a golf course, and that the site has been a golf course for the past fifty years.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this approach is acceptable to you. I am available should you wish to discuss this project further. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee D. Hoffman

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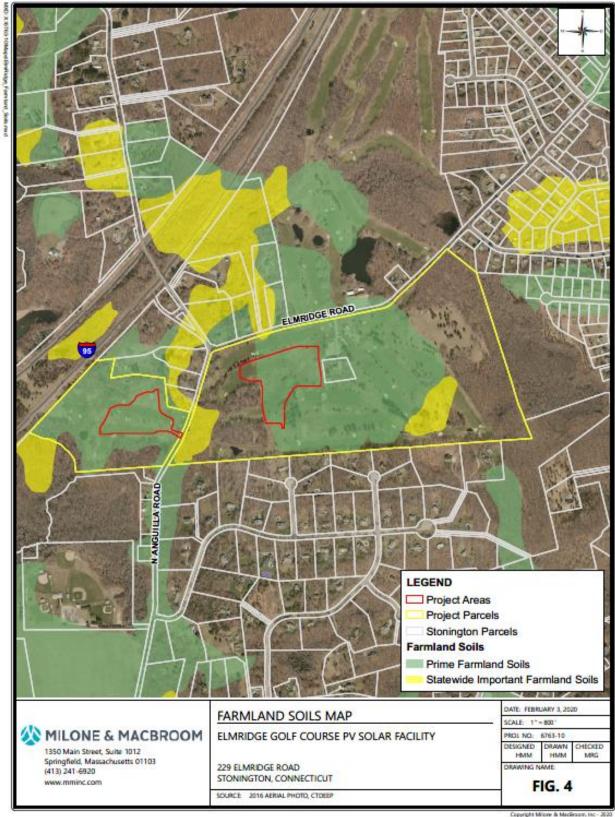


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Tolland, CT

Subject: RE: Follow up to Phone Call Regarding Request to Remap Prime Farmland Soils at a site in Stonington

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 9:46:32 AM Date:

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USDA NRCS would not use soil maps or descriptions derived from private soil scientists due the project needing proper documentation, standards, quality control, and quality assurance for USDA NRCS soil surveys. This is especially true for private soil scientists conducting CT wetland determinations, we would not use this data.

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Deb

Thank you for the quick reply and your thoughts regarding our project site. Please clarify whether you/USDA NRCS would accept a soil evaluation from a private soil scientist to remap on-site soils. Or, would that have to be coordinated through CT DOA?

With kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Follow up to Phone Call Regarding Request to Remap Prime Farmland Soils at a site in Stonington

Good morning Gina, thank you for contacting USDA NRCS with regards to technical soil services. According to the Federal Registry Vol 65 No 54 Part 601.1 and the National Soil Survey Handbook Title 430 Part 655, USDA NRCS soil scientists shall provide technical soil services to meet USDA and NRCS policy and Farm Bill program needs. Your request to map private lands due to CT DOA regulating the development of solar projects on sites with prime farmland soils unfortunately does not fall under USDA and NRCS policy and Farm Bill program needs. Therefore, our soil scientists will not be able to complete a technical soil services review or remap of your area of interest.

You may want to discuss with the CT DOA what exactly are the requirements or documentation of the CT DOA regulations on the development of solar projects on sites with prime farmland soils. You may want to ask, do they require using only the Web Soil Survey to map prime farmland soils or if you hire a private soil scientist to map the soils is that considered acceptable?

Additionally, if the landowner is not farming the land or it is in another land use (golf course) does not necessarily make the land not suitable for agricultural use. Nor does it mean the soil types do not meet prime, statewide important, or local important farmland soils. In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, CFR title 7, part 657, farmland soils include land that is defined as prime, unique, or farmlands of statewide or local importance based on soil type. Based on NRCS criteria, prime farmland soils have the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing crops. Farmland soils of statewide importance are soils that nearly meet prime soil characteristics and that can produce high yields of crops with a higher level of management. Prime and statewide important farmland may be in cropland, pasture, hay, forest or other land but not urban built-up land or water.

Regards, Deb

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Stonington

Garrett.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me late last week regarding the recommendation we received from the CT Department of Agriculture (DOA) to request that NRCS remove the prime farmland soils designation from one of our projects sites. I understand you are not necessarily the person to address this and appreciate the offer to put me in touch with appropriate staff.

As we discussed, the CT DOA regulates the development of solar projects on sites with prime farmland soils, as mapped by NRCS. This entails working with farmers/landowners through the Farmland Restoration Program.

Our site, although mapped with prime farmland soils, has been an active golf course since the early 1960s (nearly 60 years) and the landowner does not participate (or intend to participate) in any agricultural activities at the property; they manage and operate the golf course.

Steve Anderson and Cameron Weimar at CT DOA made the recommendation to request the prime farmland soil designation be removed from the site. The rationale was that the soils are likely not suitable for agricultural use, having been subject to the golf course turf management practices for such a long stretch of time. In addition, the landowner has no intention of farming the land.

Please let me know who at NRCS can assist us and I can provide the address and relevant mapping. I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

Gina L. Wolfman

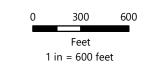
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April 20, 2020

George Rezendes & Mary Ann McComiskey 5 Fairway Court Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Dear George and Mary Ann,

I hope you're well despite the current circumstances due to Covid-19. My name is Gina Wolfman and I am with Greenskies Clean Energy in Middletown, CT. Founded in 2009, Greenskies has constructed and operates over 230 Megawatts of solar projects throughout the country, however most of our work takes place right here in Connecticut. Our local projects assist the State in meeting its renewable energy goals.

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Kind Regards,

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April 20, 2020

Mr. Douglas W. Hanson 6 Woodland Court Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Dear Douglas,

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Mr. Thomas Satran & Ms. Esther P. Wood 5 Woodland Court Pawcatuck, CT 06379

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Kenneth E & Lisa M. Tirrell 258 Elmridge Road Pawcatuck, CT 06379

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April 20, 2020

Wendy K. Wilbert & Robert Lewis 154 N. Anguilla Road Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Dear Wendy and Robert,

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